



Docket No. UCIVN-007US

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In re Application of: William Evans, et al. )

Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: 10/088,749 )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 14, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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**Transmittal Letter**

Dear Sir:

- ☐ In accordance with Rule 136, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a \_\_\_\_ ( ) month extension of time, extending to \_\_\_\_, 2003 the period for response to the Office action dated **August 14, 2003** Check No. \_\_\_\_ for \$0.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Enclosed is a certified copy of Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.55b and 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ Enclosed is an Assignment of the invention to [Assignee], including a cover sheet and Check No. [Assignment Check No.] for \$40.
- ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship and Limited Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ A Certificate of Ownership and Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal.
- ☒ Enclosed herewith is a amendment/response for filing in relation to the above-identified application. Entry and consideration of this amendment/response is requested.

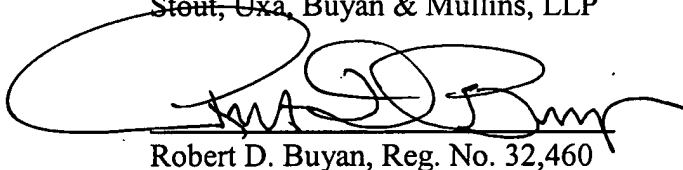
- ☒ Commissioner is authorized to take the additional filing fees in the amount of \$186.00, from Deposit Account No. 50-0878:

	(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(Col. 2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra		Small Entity Additional Rate	Fee		Other than a Small Entity Additional Rate	Fee
Total claims	63	- 47	= 16	x 9	\$ 144.00	Or	x 18	\$	
Independent claims	4	- 3	= 1	x 42	\$ 42.00	Or	x 84	\$	
First presentation of multiple dependent claims				+ 140	\$	Or	+ 280	\$	
				Total	\$186.00	Or	Total	\$	

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 § CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stout, Uxa, Buyan & Mullins, LLP

Date: November 14, 2003



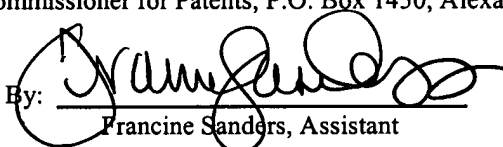
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop , Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 14, 2003.

Dated: November 14, 2003

By:   
Francine Sanders, Assistant